

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CREATING A FUTURE FOR THE GRACE JAMES SCHOOL LOCATED ON THE UNIVERSITY OF THE OZARKS CAMPUS**

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 1937, the Harris Utley School, a school that served the African American community, was dedicated; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 1940's, an additional building, the Grace James School, was constructed allowing the African American community to expand their school through the twelfth grade; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1965 Clarksville Public Schools was integrated and the Grace James School was purchased by the University of the Ozarks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grace James School remains a part of the University campus today; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of the Ozarks has requested community input into the future of the Grace James School giving us, as a community, an incredible opportunity to support the preservation of this community treasure; and

**WHEREAS**, the preservation of this structure is one of our last opportunities to sustain this very important link to our past; and

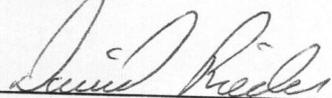
**WHEREAS**, the city of Clarksville wishes to express our appreciation to the University for giving our community a voice in this decision.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE,**

that the city of Clarksville does overwhelmingly support all efforts to preserve the Grace James Building and encourages the University of the Ozarks to consider and explore all avenues in reclaiming this structure as a part of our community's history.

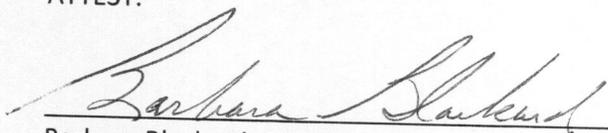
PASSED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

APPROVED:



David Rieder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Barbara Blackard, City Clerk/Treasurer